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TAGS: PFOR, PA, CI  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM (GOMILA VERGARA, RICARDO  
IGNACIO)

REF: SANTIAGO 12075

1. POST APPRECIATES QUICK RESPONSE FROM SANTIAGO. IN AN INTERVIEW  
DECEMBER 25 CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL, GOMILA  
MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) QUOTE UNION PARA LA LIBERACION NACIONAL UNQUOTE DID  
NOT USE ITS NAME ON THE HALF-DOZEN PAMPHLETS IT PRODUCED  
BETWEEN MARCH AND OCTOBER THIS YEAR. HE SAID THE QUOTE  
PAMPHLETS UNQUOTE WERE ONE-LEAF MIMEOGRAPHED SHEETS WHICH  
CALLED FOR FREE ELECTIONS AND REPORTED ON ACTS OF GOVERNMENT  
REPRESSION. HE SAID THE LAST ISSUE CAME OUT IN  
OCTOBER, 1976, AND WAS ENTITLED EITHER QUOTE CARTA A LA  
CIUDADANIA UNQUOTE OR QUOTE CARTA A CHILE UNQUOTE.

(B) GOMILA GAVE HOME ADDRESS AS GUEMES 56 AND BUSINESS  
ADDRESS AS BULNES 950. HE SAID THAT JUAN ITURRA, 22, THE  
YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE UNION, WAS ARRESTED IN THE  
FIRST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER 1976, AND THAT HE  
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CARRIED GUERRILA LITERATURE AGAINST THE ADVICE OF  
OTHER UNION MEMBERS. GOMILA SAID HE THOUGHT ITURRA  
CARRIED THE LITERATURE MORE OUT OF ROMANTICISM THAN  
OUT OF A FIRM BELIEF IN GUERRILA ACTION.

(C) GOMILA SAID HE THOUGHT PATRICIA VERGARA VALIENTE WAS

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IN FRANCE OR ITALY.

(D) RICARDO SANTADNER: GOMILA SAID HE DID NOT KNOW SANTANDER'S FULL NAME. HOWEVER, HE SAID SANTANDER WAS A PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR, AN INTELLECTUAL, VERY ACTIVE POLITICALLY, WITH ACCESS TO FUNDS IN CHILE AND WITH CONTACTS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

(E) THE SHOOTOUT: GOMILA WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO THE DATE ALTHOUGH HE NOW THINKS IT OCCURRED IN LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST. SEVERAL EXTREMISTS WERE KILLED IN THE BATTLE, BUT THE PRESS PAID SCANT ATTENTION BECAUSE IT WAS REPORTED AS A SHOOTOUT BETWEEN DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND POLICE.

(F) GOMILA SAID OTHER GROUPS THAT USED THE MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE WERE QUOTE EXTREMISTS UNQUOTE, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST OR COMMUNIST PARTIES. HE SAID THEY MAINTAINED TIGHT SECURITY SO THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE PRECISE LOCATION OF THE MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE. HE SAID HE KNEW ONLY TWO OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE PRINTING OPERATION: MAURICIO VALENZUELA HURTADO; AND SERGIO BOREAU (PHONETIC SPELLING OF LAST NAME, WHICH GOMILA SAID WAS OF FRENCH ORIGIN). GOMILA SAID BOREAU WAS A MEMBER OF THE FRENTE ESTUDIANTE REVOLUCIONARIO AND OF MIR, AND THAT IT WAS HIS GROUP WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTOUT IN JULY OR AUGUST.

2. GOMILA LISTED THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNION AS: GOMILA'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, RICARDO NAULIN ROJAS, 26, WHO  
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WAS ARRESTED AFTER THE 1973 COUP AND LATER RELEASED, RUBEN NAULIN, ABOUT 30, COUSIN OF RICARDO NAULIN; LUIS GONZALEZ, 23, ALSO ARRESTED AFTER THE 1973 COUP; JUAN ITURRA; AND JORGE BRAVO TORRES, 25. GOMILA ADDED THAT THE GROUP HAD A NUMBER OF SYMPATHIZERS WHO PROVIDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND HELPED DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS.

3. FYI. LOCAL COUNTERPART OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES IS NOW PROVIDING SHOT-TERM ASSISTANCE TO GOMILA.  
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